

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification at paragraph 63 as follows:

Finally, in this sample embodiment, a round cord 25 is laid between the two flange segments 4, 5, is immediately adjacent to the sliding crosspiece 10, and is preferably made of a material that is resistant to high temperature, such as, for example, glass fiber, the sealing of the connection being thereby improved still further.